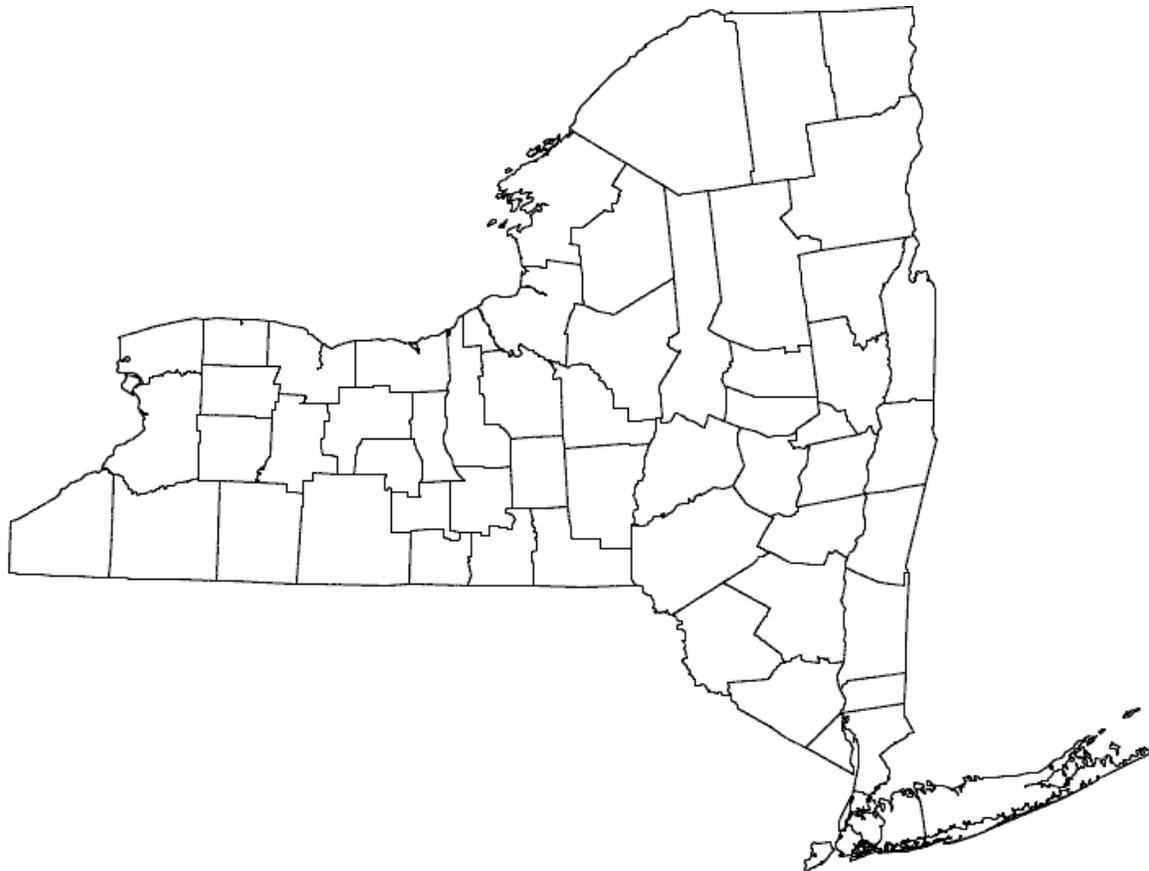


2015 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles With Selected Trend Data: 2011-2015

**Child Protective Services
Foster Care
Adoption**

Upstate



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INTRODUCTION

The Monitoring and Analysis Profiles (MAPS) are data packages that provide information on the major child welfare services provided by local Departments of Social Services (DSS). MAPS was developed in 1985 to support the program monitoring role of the Regional Office staff and New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS). Since then, the MAPS packages, which are produced annually, have also been disseminated to assist in child welfare planning and decision-making.

This MAPS package provides data on Child Protective Services (CPS), Foster Care, and Adoption for all counties. It contains detailed information for 2015 and charts of selected trend information for the five-year period, 2011-2015. Data for all counties other than New York City are contained in separate packages.

Program data on Child Protective Services, Foster Care, and Adoption are taken from the CONNECTIONS Activity Module, formerly the Child Care Review Service (CCRS) database. This is a statewide, computerized child welfare database.

The current MAPS package was developed based on the data contained in OCFS Data Warehouse on March 9, 2016, and from the CONNECTIONS database as of March 9, 2016. The numbers in the MAPS package may differ from those that appear on routine reports that are distributed by OCFS either because they are taken from the databases on different dates or because the definition of a term differs. Additionally, reporting lags by some Local Social Services Districts affects all Foster Care and Adoption data.

In most instances, numbers are converted into rates or percentages to highlight important aspects of the child welfare service programs. The use of rates and percentages is a critical component of MAPS, as it allows for comparisons by controlling for differences in population. The population figures used to calculate rates for 2011 through 2015 are taken from the 2012 Complete New York and New Jersey Demographic Database Files, Woods and Poole Economics, Inc. For Child Protective Services data, rates are calculated based on the number of children ages 0 through 17 because very few reports are taken on youth aged 18 and over. However, since OCFS does have children in foster care 18 years old and above, the rates for Foster Care and Adoption are based on the number of children ages 0 through 21.

The MAPS package focuses on developing a profile of the child welfare services programs in each Local Social Services District. The data describe what are believed to be key, measurable characteristics of county child welfare services. The package is designed to provide a framework within which to examine the relationships among variables, raise questions, and initiate discussions about child welfare programs. It is not intended to judge performance or to focus attention on a single variable.

Definitions necessary to understand the data are printed at the bottom of the appropriate page. These definitions also apply to the multi-year data pages. Appendix A contains additional clarifying information to facilitate an accurate interpretation of complex variables. Careful review and use of the MAPS package are required to understand the data.

In summary, MAPS is not intended to be a package of indicators by which performance may be judged. Rather, it is intended to provide a framework within which reasoned questions can be asked by those who have been trained to its uses and limitations and who have substantive knowledge of the child welfare system in New York State. Questions about this data and suggestions and/or comments related to the design of this package may be directed to Vajeera Dorabawila, Research Scientist/Assistant Director, Bureau of Research, Evaluation and

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MONITORING AND ANALYSIS PROFILES

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**CHILD
PROTECTIVE
SERVICES**

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES
WORKLOAD DATA
2015**

NEW YORK STATE

	N	Rate
REPORTS RECEIVED	101,993	40.4
	N	%
REPORTS BY MANDATED REPORTER	64,565	63.3
OF REPORTS DETERMINED:		
Reports Indicated	24,517	27.6
Reports Unfounded	64,246	72.4
OF REPORTS REGISTERED:		
Determinations Overdue	2,738	3.0
OF REPORTS ASSESSED:		
Family Assessment Response	10,492	10.3

Reports Received

N: Number of reports received during the calendar year, whether determined or assessed.

Rate: Number of reports received during the calendar year for every 1,000 children in the district.

Reports by Mandated Reporter

N: Number of reports received during the calendar year with a mandated reporter as the source of the report.

%: Number of reports received during the calendar year with a mandated reporter as the source of the report, as a percentage of all reports received during the calendar year.

Reports Determined

N: Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2015 and indicated/unfounded by 03/09/16

%: Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2015 and indicated/unfounded by 03/09/16, as a percentage of all reports that were registered in 2015 and determined by 03/09/16.

Determinations Overdue

N: Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2015 and had no determination by 03/09/16.

%: Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2015 and had no determination by 03/09/16, as a percentage of all reports that were registered in 2015, excluding those reports selected for assessment rather than investigation.

Reports Assessed

N: Number of reports that were registered in calendar year 2015 and assigned to the Family Assessment Response track by 03/09/16.

Rate is the total number of FAR reports divided by the total number of reports received.

See the Appendix A for detailed definitions of CONNECTIONS data.

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES
REPORT DETERMINATIONS -- TIMELINESS
2015**

	UPSTATE	
REPORT DETERMINATION TIMELINESS:	N	%
	45,762	51.6
	UPSTATE	
DAYS TO REPORT DETERMINATION:	N	%
All Reports Determined		
0-30 Days	12,839	14.5
31-60	32,923	37.1
61-90	26,300	29.6
>90	16,701	18.8
Indicated		
0-30 Days	2,730	11.1
31-60	8,302	33.9
61-90	7,778	31.7
>90	5,707	23.3
Unfounded		
0-30 Days	10,109	15.7
31-60	24,621	38.3
61-90	18,522	28.8
>90	10,994	17.1

Report Determination Timeliness

N: Number of reports that were registered in the calendar year and determined within 60 days.

%: Number of reports that were determined within 60 days, as a percentage of all reports that were determined in the calendar year 2015, excluding those reports selected for assessment rather than investigation.

Days to Report Determination: Number of reports determined in calendar year 2015, that received a determination by 03/09/2016, and were determined within each respective range of days for each of the three determination categories.

See the Appendix A for detailed definitions of CONNECTIONS data.

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES
TREND DATA
2011-2015**

REPORTS RECEIVED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2011	107,187	42.1	
2012	106,008	41.9	-0.7
2013	102,645	40.6	-2.9
2014	101,367	40.2	-1.1
2015	101,993	40.4	0.6

REPORTS INDICATED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2011	25,810	26.4	
2012	24,915	26.6	0.9
2013	24,562	27.1	-61.1
2014	25,315	28.0	16.8
2015	24,517	27.6	-21.0

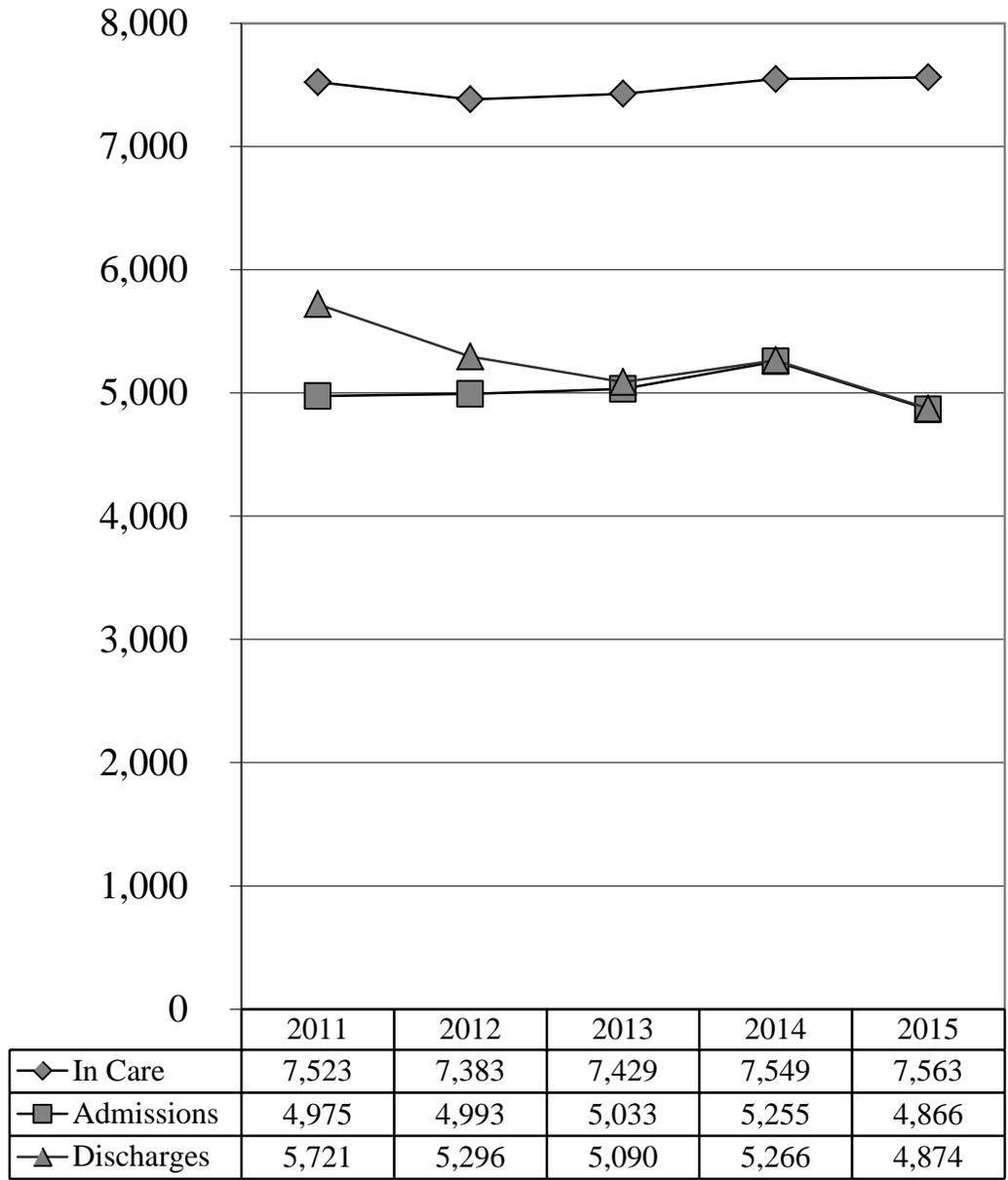
FAR REPORTS ASSESSED:

	N	Annual Rate
2011	9,413	8.8
2012	12,319	11.6
2013	11,994	11.7
2014	10,936	10.8
2015	10,827	10.6

For detailed description of variables see page 2, "Child Protective Services Workload Data".
See Appendix A for details on CONNECTIONS CPS data.

**FOSTER
CARE**

**FOSTER CARE
IN CARE, ADMISSIONS, and DISCHARGES
Upstate
2011-2015**



**FOSTER CARE ADMISSIONS/DISCHARGES/INCARE
BY AGE, RACE AND ETHNICITY
2015**

	N	Rate	%
Admissions	4,866	1.5	
Discharges	4,874	39.2	11.9
In Care	7,563	2.4	

AGE:

	Admissions		Discharges		In Care	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
< 2	1,084	22.3	555	11.4	1,009	13.3
2-5	930	19.1	1,061	21.8	1,666	22.0
6-9	671	13.8	731	15.0	1,196	15.8
10-13	722	14.8	578	11.9	1,037	13.7
14-17	1,419	29.2	1,489	30.5	2,163	28.6
18+	40	0.8	460	9.4	5.1	492

RACE/ETHNICITY:

	Admissions		Discharges		In Care	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
White	2,187	44.9	2,212	45.4	3,456	45.7
African American	1,293	26.6	1,370	28.1	1,950	25.8
Latino	744	15.3	699	14.3	1,140	15.1
Native American/ Alaska Native	8	0.2	22	0.5	39	0.5
Asian	33	0.7	30	0.6	45	0.6
Unknown	601	12.4	541	11.1	933	12.3

PERCENTAGE OF DISCHARGES BY DESTINATION:

	Home	Independent Adoption	Other State Living	Agency	Other
	%	%	%	%	%
UPSTATE	66.0	19.6	9.0	3.1	2.2

Admissions: N: Number of children admitted to foster care during the calendar year.

Rate: The number of children admitted to foster care during the calendar year for every 1,000 children in the district.

Discharges: N: Number of children discharged during the calendar year. The number does not include trial discharges.

This discharge number may not exactly match discharge numbers reported on other MAPS pages due to definitional differences.

%: Children discharged during the calendar year, as a percentage of all children who were in foster care at any time during the calendar year.

In Care: N: Number of children in foster care on 12/31/15.

Rate: The number of children in foster care on 12/31/15 for every 1,000 children in the district.

Race/Ethnicity: See Appendix A for details. Race/ethnicity is classified into mutually exclusive categories. In the process, children identified as White/Hispanic or Black /Hispanic are counted under Latino and not in White or African American.

Destination: For children discharged during 2015, the stated discharge reason:

Return to a homelike setting (Home); discharge to adoption (Adoption); assuming responsibility for self, e.g. independent living, military service, etc. (Independent Living); discharge to another state service system (Other State Agency); or one of several other reasons, e.g., moved out of district, etc. (Other).

FOSTER CARE CHARACTERISTICS 2015

PLACEMENT IN FOSTER BOARDING AND ADOPTIVE HOMES:

Child's Race

	Total with Race/ Ethnic Code	# Same as Foster/ Adoptive Parent	% Same as Foster / Adoptive Parent
Total	4,017	2,726	67.9
White	2,186	1,962	89.8
African American	1,079	618	57.3
Latino	700	136	19.4
Native American/Alaska Native	21	10	47.6
Asian	31	0	0.0
	N		%
Unknown/Missing	639		13.7

SIBLINGS IN FOSTER CARE:

Group Size:	Separated		Partly Separated		Intact	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Two	396	28.2	-	-	1,008	71.8
Three	84	9.4	303	33.8	510	56.9
Four or more	41	4.7	603	68.8	233	26.6

CHILDREN RETURNING TO CARE BY LENGTH OF TIME SINCE LAST DISCHARGE:

	N	%
Total (0-24 months)	711	14.6
0-3 months	174	3.6
4-12 months	363	7.5
13-24 months	174	3.6

Total With Race/Ethnic Code:

N: Number of children in foster boarding or adoptive homes on 12/31/15 who have a race/ethnic code in CONNECTIONS.

Number With Same Race/Ethnic Code:

N: Number of children in foster boarding or adoptive homes on 12/31/15 whose race/ethnic code in CONNECTIONS is the same as at least one of his or her foster parent's race/ethnic code in CONNECTIONS. Congregate care and approved relative homes are excluded. %: Children with a race/ethnic code in CONNECTIONS whose code is the same as at least one foster parent's race/ethnic code in CONNECTIONS as a percentage of children in foster care on 12/31/15 with a race/ethnic code for a specified race/ethnic group. There are a small number of foster parents with no race/ethnic code in the CONNECTIONS database; these are counted as not matched.

Siblings in Foster Care: Separated: All of the siblings in a sibling group of the specified size are in separate facilities.

Partly Separated: Some of the siblings in a sibling group of the specified size are in separate facilities.

Intact: All of the siblings in a sibling group of the specified size are in the same facility.

N: Number of children in foster care on 12/31/15 who have a sibling in foster care. %: Number of siblings who are separated, partly separated, or intact as a percentage of all siblings in a sibling group of the same size.

Children Returning to Care By Length of Time Since Last Discharge: N: Number of children who were readmitted to foster care in 2015 who had been discharged from foster care within the specified number of months prior to the last 2015 admission. Children returning to foster care from a trial discharge are not considered to have been readmitted. %: The number of children readmitted to foster care in 2015, as a percentage of the total number of children admitted to foster care in 2015

Race/Ethnicity – see Appendix A for definitions.

SERVICES PRIOR TO/AT 2015 FOSTER CARE ADMISSION

	UPSTATE	
	N	%
Preventive Services Only	412	8.5
Child Protective Services Only	857	17.6
Both Preventive and CPS	1,468	30.2
Neither Preventive nor CPS	2,129	43.8

SERVICES PRIOR TO/AT 2015 ADMISSION BY AGE:

AGE	PREVENTIVE ONLY		CHILD PROTECTIVE ONLY	
	N	%	N	%
< 2	33	3.0	291	26.8
2-5	16	1.7	201	21.6
6-9	21	3.1	145	21.6
10-13	78	10.8	109	15.1
14-17	262	18.5	99	7.0
18+	2	5.0	12	30.0

AGE	BOTH PREVENTIVE AND PROTECTIVE		NEITHER PREVENTIVE NOR PROTECTIVE	
	N	%	N	%
< 2	288	26.6	472	43.5
2-5	394	42.4	319	34.3
6-9	303	45.2	202	30.1
10-13	241	33.4	294	40.7
14-17	241	17.0	817	57.6
18+	1	2.5	25	62.5

Please Note: All four categories are mutually exclusive.

Preventive Services Prior to or at the time of Foster Care Admission: N: Number of children admitted to foster care in 2015 who were opened to Preventive Services on the date of the foster care admission or who had a Service Program Choice of Preventive during the 12 months preceding admission.

Child Protective Services Prior to or at the time of Foster Care Admission: N: Number of children admitted to foster care in 2015 who were opened to Child Protective Services on the date of the foster care admission or who had a Service Program Choice of Protective during the 12 months preceding admission

Services Prior To/At 2015 Admission by Age: %: Number of children in each age group within each category admitted to foster care in 2015 as a percentage of all children in that same age group who were admitted to foster care in 2015.

**TIME IN CARE BY AGE
12/31/15**

AGE OF CHILDREN

	< 2 YEARS %	2-5 YEARS %	6-9 YEARS %	10-13 YEARS %	14-17 YEARS %	18+ YEARS %	PERCENT OF TOTAL
< 1 YEAR							
UPSTATE	67.7	38.0	39.2	41.9	46.5	9.1	43.2
1-2 YEARS							
UPSTATE	32.3	29.4	26.5	22.6	22.2	14.6	25.4
2-3 YEARS							
UPSTATE		22.1	18.6	14.9	11.3	17.1	14.2
> 3 YEARS							
UPSTATE		10.6	15.6	20.5	20.1	59.1	17.2
TOTAL							
UPSTATE	N=1,009	N=1,666	N=1,196	N=1,037	N=2,163	N= 492	N=7,563

For children in foster care on 12/31/15, the chart shows the percentage of each age group (column) by the length of time indicated in the rows.

**ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND IN CARE
FACILITY TYPE BY PLACEMENT, LOCATION AND AGE
2015**

TYPE OF PLACEMENT:	AGE OF CHILDREN		TOTAL N	PERCENT	PLACEMENT Out Of County N	LOCATION Out Of State N
	< 11 YEARS N	11+ YEARS N				
Congregate Care						
Admissions	262	1,278	1,540	31.6	1,241	47
In Care	159	1,787	1,946	25.7		
Discharges	105	1,416	1,521	31.2		
Foster Boarding Homes						
Admissions	2,257	599	2,856	58.7	984	18
In Care	3,323	1,329	4,652	61.5		
Discharges	2,045	732	2,777	57.0		
Approved Relative Homes						
Admissions	289	62	351	7.2	138	22
In Care	543	178	721	9.5		
Discharges	332	118	450	9.2		
Other						
Admissions	35	84	119	2.4	101	7
In Care	63	181	244	3.2		
Discharges	5	121	126	2.6		
Total						
Admissions	2,843	2,023	4,866	100.0	2,464	94
In Care	4,088	3,475	7,563	100.0		
Discharges	2,487	2,387	4,874	100.0		

Admissions & Discharges: N: The number of children admitted to/discharged from each type of placement during 2015

In Care: N: The number of children in each type of placement on 12/31/15

%: Children in each facility type as a percentage of all children admitted, discharged or in care

Congregate Care: Includes AOBH, Group Home, Group Residence and Institution.

Other: Includes SILP (Supervised Independent Living Program) and all other categories.

Placement Location: N: The number of children in a placement outside the county on 12/31/15. Out of county does not include out of state placements.

**FOSTER CARE DISCHARGES
BY TIME IN CARE
2015**

AGE OF CHILDREN AT DISCHARGE

	< 2 YEARS %	2-5 YEARS %	6-9 YEARS %	10-13 YEARS %	14-17 YEARS %	18+ YEARS %	PERCENT OF TOTAL
< 1 YEAR							
UPSTATE	74.4	41.2	41.8	49.3	57.5	12.9	48.3
1-2 YEARS							
UPSTATE	25.6	21.9	20.5	21.3	26.5	14.4	22.7
2-3 YEARS							
UPSTATE		22.9	16.1	13.0	8.4	14.4	12.8
> 3 YEARS							
UPSTATE		14.1	21.7	16.4	7.7	58.3	16.1
TOTAL							
UPSTATE	N= 555	N=1,059	N= 728	N= 578	N=1,484	N= 458	N=4,862

For children discharged from foster care during 2015, the chart shows the percentage of each age group (column) by the length of time indicated in the rows.
Discharges: The total discharge number may not exactly match discharge numbers reported on other MAPS pages due to definitional differences.

**GOAL BY AGE
12/31/15**

	< 2 YEARS %	2-5 YEARS %	6-9 YEARS %	10-13 YEARS %	14-17 YEARS %	18+ YEARS %	PERCENT OF TOTAL
ADULT CUSTODIAL CARE							
UPSTATE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	5.1	0.5
ADOPTION							
UPSTATE	16.2	34.0	32.1	29.0	12.3	4.7	22.6
PARENT/GUARDIAN							
UPSTATE	80.1	61.1	62.7	63.1	62.8	15.4	61.4
ANOTHER PLANNED LIVING ARRANGEMENT (APLA)							
UPSTATE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	14.1	63.7	8.3
OTHER GOALS							
UPSTATE	3.6	4.9	5.1	7.7	10.3	11.1	7.1
TOTAL IN CARE							
UPSTATE	N= 905	N=1,619	N=1,170	N=1,010	N=2,092	N= 487	N=7,283

For children in foster care on 12/31/15 with a reported goal, the chart shows the percentage of each age group (column) with the goal indicated in the row. Children with waivers are included in the Adoption percentages.
Note: the totals on this page do not count children where a goal is not set.

DAYS IN CARE**Total Days in Care**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Institution	571,054	524,955	518,455	506,683	509,429
Foster Boarding Home	1,774,859	1,693,215	1,688,078	1,729,393	1,720,883
Agency Operated Boarding Home	41,267	33,681	29,727	29,509	31,080
Group Residence	37,241	35,085	43,816	44,761	41,808
Group Home	163,738	158,519	156,458	148,143	139,610
Adoptive Home	2,701	1,877	1,404	527	912
Approved Relative Home	258,812	261,924	257,848	277,489	283,888
Supervised Independent Living Program	45,092	45,600	46,089	42,596	42,599
Other	44,531	41,365	38,965	37,280	45,925
<i>Total</i>	2,939,295	2,796,221	2,780,840	2,816,381	2,816,134

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Congregate Care	902,923	839,205	833,510	808,972	810,451
Foster Boarding Home/Adoptive Home	1,777,560	1,695,092	1,689,482	1,729,920	1,721,795
Approved Relative Home	258,812	261,924	257,848	277,489	283,888
<i>Total</i>	2,939,295	2,796,221	2,780,840	2,816,381	2,816,134

Percent of Days in Care

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Institution	19.4%	18.8%	18.6%	18.0%	18.1%
Foster Boarding Home	60.4%	60.6%	60.7%	61.4%	61.1%
Agency Operated Boarding Home	1.4%	1.2%	1.1%	1.0%	1.1%
Group Residence	1.3%	1.3%	1.6%	1.6%	1.5%
Group Home	5.6%	5.7%	5.6%	5.3%	5.0%
Adoptive Home	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Approved Relative Home	8.8%	9.4%	9.3%	9.9%	10.1%
Supervised Independent Living Program	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.5%	1.5%
Other	1.5%	1.5%	1.4%	1.3%	1.6%
<i>Total</i>	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Congregate Care	30.7%	30.0%	30.0%	28.7%	28.8%
Foster Boarding Home/Adoptive Home	60.5%	60.6%	60.8%	61.4%	61.1%
Approved Relative Home	8.8%	9.4%	9.3%	9.9%	10.1%
<i>Total</i>	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Percent Change Over Previous Year

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2011-2015
Institution	-8.1%	-1.2%	-2.3%	0.5%	-10.8%
Foster Boarding Home	-4.6%	-0.3%	2.4%	-0.5%	-3.0%
Agency Operated Boarding Home	-18.4%	-11.7%	-0.7%	5.3%	-24.7%
Group Residence	-5.8%	24.9%	2.2%	-6.6%	12.3%
Group Home	-3.2%	-1.3%	-5.3%	-5.8%	-14.7%
Adoptive Home	-30.5%	-25.2%	-62.5%	73.1%	-66.2%
Approved Relative Home	1.2%	-1.6%	7.6%	2.3%	9.7%
Supervised Independent Living Program	1.1%	1.1%	-7.6%	0.0%	-5.5%
Other	-7.1%	-5.8%	-4.3%	23.2%	3.1%
<i>Total</i>	-4.9%	-0.6%	1.3%	0.0%	-4.2%

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2011-2015
Congregate Care	-7.1%	-0.7%	-2.9%	0.2%	-10.2%
Foster Boarding Home/Adoptive Home	-4.6%	-0.3%	2.4%	-0.5%	-3.1%
Approved Relative Home	1.2%	-1.6%	7.6%	2.3%	9.7%
<i>Total</i>	-4.9%	-0.6%	1.3%	0.0%	-4.2%

Other: Includes residential treatment facilities, skilled nursing facilities, specialized schools, etc.

Congregate Care: Includes Institutions, AOBH, Group Home, Group Residence, SILPs and Other.

Adoptive Home: Includes Adoptive and/or Adoption Subsidy Home.

**FOSTER CARE
TREND DATA
2011-2015**

CHILDREN IN CARE:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change in Rate
2011	7,523	2.3	
2012	7,383	2.3	-1.1
2013	7,429	2.3	1.1
2014	7,549	2.4	2.0
2015	7,563	2.4	0.6

CHILDREN ADMITTED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change in Rate
2011	4,975	1.6	
2012	4,993	1.6	0.6
2013	5,033	1.6	0.9
2014	5,255	1.7	4.5
2015	4,866	1.5	-7.5

CHILDREN DISCHARGED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change in Rate
2011	5,721	43.2	
2012	5,296	41.8	-3.3
2013	5,090	40.7	-2.7
2014	5,266	41.1	1.1
2015	4,874	39.2	-4.6

ADOPTION

**ADOPTION MILESTONES
2015**

**CHILDREN WHO HAD A MILESTONE
OCCUR DURING 2015**

	N	%
Goal Set during 2015	1,105	8.9
Freed during 2015	858	6.9
Placed during 2015	545	20.0
Discharged to Adoption during 2015	960	49.9

CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE ON 12/31/15 WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION: 1,647

Goal Set

N: Number of children with a goal set to Adoption during the calendar year.

%: Children who had a "goal set," as a percentage of all children in foster care at any time during the calendar year.

Freed

N: Number of children freed during the calendar year.

%: Children "freed," as a percentage of all children in foster care at any time during the calendar year.

Placed

N: Number of children placed for Adoption during the calendar year.

%: Children "placed," as a percentage of all children in foster care who had a goal of Adoption on 12/31/15 or had a goal set to Adoption, were freed, placed or discharged to Adoption at any time during the calendar year.

Discharged to Adoption

N: Number of children discharged to Adoption during the calendar year.

%: Children "discharged," as a percentage of children in foster care at any time during the calendar year, who had a goal of Adoption and had a status of free for Adoption.

Children with waivers are excluded from all Ns and Percentages.

WAITING POPULATION ON 12/31/15

CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE FOR 2 OR MORE YEARS WITH A GOAL OF:						
	RETURN HOME		ADOPTION		OTHER	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than 8 years old:	215	28.3	541	71.3	3	0.4
8 years old or older:	416	25.7	618	38.2	582	36.0

CHILDREN WAITING TO ACHIEVE AN ADOPTION MILESTONE					
	TOTAL	WAITING LESS THAN 1 YEAR		WAITING 1 YEAR OR MORE	
		N	N	%	N
Goal and not Free:	713	490	68.7	223	31.3
Less than 8 years old:	433	330	76.2	103	23.8
8 years old or older:	280	160	57.1	120	42.9
Free and not Placed:	629	341	54.2	288	45.8
Less than 8 years old:	291	206	70.8	85	29.2
8 years old or older:	338	135	39.9	203	60.1
Free, Placed and not Discharged:	305	208	68.2	97	31.8
Less than 8 years old:	173	134	77.5	39	22.5
8 years old or older:	132	74	56.1	58	43.9

In Foster Care for 2 or more years with a Goal of: Return Home/Adoption/Other Goal N: As of 12/31/15, the number of children who had been in care for 2 years or longer, who were in the specified age group, and who had the specified goal. %: As of 12/31/15, children who had been in care for 2 years or longer, who were in the specified age group, and who had the specified goal, as a percentage of all children in foster care who were in the specified age group.

Goal and not Free N: As of 12/31/15, all children who had a goal of Adoption and who were "waiting" to be freed for the specified time. %: As of 12/31/15, all children who had a goal of Adoption and who were "waiting" to be freed for the specified time, as a percentage of all children who were "waiting" to be freed.

Free and not Placed N: As of 12/31/15, all children who had a goal of Adoption, were freed for Adoption, and were "waiting" to be placed for the specified time. %: As of 12/31/15, all children who had a goal of Adoption, were freed for Adoption, and were "waiting" to be placed for the specified time, as a percentage of all children who were "waiting" to be placed.

Free, Placed and not Discharged (to Adoption) N: As of 12/31/15, all children who had a goal of Adoption, were freed for Adoption, were in an adoptive placement, and were "waiting" to be discharged for the specified time. %: As of 12/31/15, all children who had a goal of Adoption, were freed for Adoption, were in an adoptive placement, and were "waiting" to be discharged for the specified time, as a percentage of all children who were "waiting" to be discharged.

Less than 8 years old and 8 years old or older N: For the three waiting populations described above, the number of children in the specified age group and time period. %: For the children in each age group who are in the three waiting populations described above, the % that were waiting, as of 12/31/15, less than one year or one year or more.

Children with waivers from photo listing are excluded from all Ns and Percentages in the Children Waiting to Achieve an Adoption Milestone section.

**TIME TO ACHIEVE MILESTONES
DURING 2015**

Admission to Goal Set:	LESS THAN 2 YEARS		2 TO 3 YEARS		GREATER THAN 3 YEARS	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
	Less than 8 years:	559	70.8	166	21.0	65
8 years or older:	161	51.8	80	25.7	70	22.5

	LESS THAN 6 MONTHS		6 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR		GREATER THAN 1 YEAR	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
	Goal to Free:					
Less than 8 years:	155	49.7	84	26.9	73	23.4
8 years or older:	61	44.5	31	22.6	45	32.8
Petition Date to Free Date:						
Less than 8 years:	164	62.6	59	22.5	39	14.9
8 years or older:	51	49.0	31	29.8	22	21.2
Free to Place:						
Less than 8 years:	304	77.7	58	14.8	29	7.4
8 years or older:	90	58.4	21	13.6	43	27.9
Placed with Foster Parent:						
Less than 8 years:	304	77.9	57	14.6	29	7.4
8 years or older:	86	60.6	18	12.7	38	26.8
Not Placed with Foster Parent:						
Less than 8 years:	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0
8 years or older:	4	33.3	3	25.0	5	41.7

Admission to Goal Set: N: For children of the specified age group who had their goal set to Adoption in 2015, the time from admission to foster care to having their goal set to Adoption.

Goal to Free: N: For children of the specified age group who were freed for Adoption in 2015, the time from having the goal set until they were freed.

Petition Date to Free Date: N: For children of the specified age group who were freed for Adoption in 2015, the time from the date their petition to be freed was filed until they were freed.

Free to Place: N: For children of the specified age group who were placed in an Adoptive home in 2015, the time from when they were freed until the placement.

Placed with Foster Parent: N: Children who were placed for Adoption with the foster parent(s) they were living with.

Not Placed with Foster Parent: N: Children who were placed for Adoption with adoptive parents different than the foster parent(s) they had been living with. %: The number of children of the specified age group who took the specified time to get from the first specified milestone to the next specified milestone as a percentage of all children in that age group who reached that next milestone during 2015.

Please note: Only children who have both of the specified dates (in a category) in CONNECTIONS are included in that category. Children with negative values are excluded. Therefore, children who are freed before the goal of adoption is set are excluded from the goal to free category. Children with waivers from photo listing are excluded from all Ns and Percentages.

**ADOPTION CHARACTERISTICS
2015**

TIME FROM GOAL TO DISCHARGE	Less than 2 Years		2 to 3 Years		More than 3 Years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than eight years old:	528	80.6	81	12.4	46	7.0
Eight years old or older:	187	61.3	59	19.3	59	19.3

SEQUENCE OF MILESTONES	Goal First		Simultaneous (Within 30 days)		Free First	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
	566	57.9	192	19.6	220	22.5

SUBSIDIES AT TIME OF DISCHARGE	N of Children	%
	943	98.2

Time From Goal to Discharge (to Adoption): N: Children of the specified age group who were discharged to Adoption in 2015 whose time from goal set to Adoption to discharge to Adoption was in the specified time period. **%:** The number of children of each age group who took the specified time to get from goal set to Adoption to be discharged to adoption as a percentage of all children in that age group who were discharged to Adoption during 2015.

Sequence of Milestones: For children who had both a goal of adoption and were free in 2015, percentages for whom sequence of these milestones was: Goal [set] First, or [goal set] Within 30 Days [of freeing], or Free(d) First.

Subsidies at Time of Discharge: N: Number of children discharged to adoption in 2015 with a subsidy designation.

%: Discharges with a designated subsidized adoption as a percentage of all discharges to adoption.

Children with waivers from photo listing are excluded from all "N"s and Percentages.

**ADOPTION
TREND DATA
2011-2015**

GOAL SET:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2011	984	7.4	
2012	1,219	9.6	29.4
2013	1,148	9.2	-4.6
2014	1,111	8.7	-5.5
2015	1,105	8.9	2.5

FREED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2011	923	7.0	
2012	932	7.4	5.5
2013	993	7.9	7.9
2014	978	7.6	-3.8
2015	858	6.9	-9.6

PLACED:

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2011	723	26.7	
2012	705	26.9	0.5
2013	757	28.2	4.8
2014	697	25.5	-9.6
2015	545	20.0	-21.4

**DISCHARGED
TO ADOPTION:**

	N	Annual Rate	Percent Change In Rate
2011	1,111	51.1	
2012	907	47.2	-7.7
2013	868	44.6	-5.5
2014	975	48.0	7.7
2015	960	49.9	4.0

APPENDIX A: CLARIFICATION OF DATA SOURCES AND DEFINITIONS

This appendix clarifies definitions or specifies which data were used to produce the Child Protective Services (CPS), Foster Care, and Adoption components of the MAPS packages. All Child Protective Services program data used come from the CONNECTIONS database. Foster Care and Adoption data come from the CONNECTIONS Activity Module, the formerly Child Care Review Service (CCRS). Data from 2011-2015 are provided for selected variables. For the definitions of these variables, refer to the MAPS page where the variable appears.

Starting with MAPS 2007, changes were made to the source file, race/ethnicity categories, and the Preventive services pages. Details regarding these changes are found in this appendix.

Population Sources

The population figures used to calculate rates are taken from the 2012 Complete New York and New Jersey Demographic Database Files, Woods and Poole Economics, Inc. The child population includes children under 22 in all program areas except CPS, where only children under 18 are included in rate calculations.

Race and Ethnicity Categories

Prior to 2014, race/ethnicity data in MAPS were based on data entered into CCRS. Since 2014, ALL race/ethnicity data utilized in MAPS is based on CONNECTIONS. Any comparison of race/ethnicity distributions before and after 2014 should be made with extreme caution.

Coding of Race/Ethnicity in MAPS

The Race/Ethnicity categories in the MAPS report use the following classifications:

<u>MAPS Category</u>	<u>Includes</u>
White	White (Not Hispanic)
African American	Black, Interracial Black/White, Interracial Black/Asian Ethiopian, Haitian (Non-Hispanic)
Latino	Interracial Puerto Rican/White, Interracial Puerto Rican/Black, Other Hispanic, Interracial Puerto Rican/Asian, Interracial Puerto Rican/ Other Hispanic, Puerto Rican, Cuban
Native American/Alaska Native	American Indian/Alaska Native (Non-Hispanic)
Asian	Cambodian, Interracial Asian/White, Asian, Laotian, Vietnamese (Non-Hispanic)
Unknown	Interracial Other, Other, Unknown

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS)

Family Assessment Response (FAR) data

Starting with MAPS 2009, all CPS pages reflect Family Assessment Response (FAR) data for the counties that participate in this approach to CPS investigations. Beginning in late 2008, several counties were approved to use an alternative approach with families for some of their CPS maltreatment reports. This alternative approach, known as FAR, is considered a CPS response,

even though no determination is made as to whether or not there is some credible evidence of maltreatment. The intent of FAR is to promote child safety and family well-being through enriched family engagement.

FOSTER CARE

"Services Prior To/At Foster Care Admission", Page 9

"On the date of the foster care admission" includes the actual date of foster care admission and up to 30 days after the admission date.

Children receiving Child Protective Services (CPS) are those who are in an indicated State Central Registry (SCR) case that remains open, are in an open CONNECTIONS case, and have a Service Program Choice code of "Protective" in CONNECTIONS.

"Admissions, Discharges and In Care, Facility Type by Placement, Location and Age", Page 11

The "Other" category contains many specialized programs/services that serve very few children. If needed, information on what is included in this category is available upon request.

"Days in Care", Page 14

All facility types (level of care) in the table are determined from specific movement codes entered into CONNECTIONS. The definition of foster boarding home includes emergency foster boarding homes. Some children placed in adoptive homes are counted in the foster boarding home category because that is how the home is coded in CONNECTIONS.

Other: Includes residential treatment facilities, skilled nursing facilities, specialized schools, etc.

Congregate Care: Includes Institutions, Agency Operated Boarding Home (AOBH), Group Home, Group Residence, Supervised Independent Living Programs (SILPs), and Other.

Adoptive Home: Includes Adoptive and/or Adoption Subsidy Home.